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To: All CA FO's
Attn: District/Regional Fire Management Officers

From: DSD, Support Service

Subject: **Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies Workshop**

The subject workshop will be held in the computer training room at the State Office starting at 1300 on Monday, March 19, 2001 and end at 1200 on Friday, March 23, 2001. Upon completion of the workshop, field offices will have updated plans for their mitigation/education program and will have updated their fuels plan, which will include out-year fuels treatment workload projections and budget estimates. The results of this planning will be a required submission prior to the next annual work plan cycle.

Each FMO should meet with each Field Manager and their staffs, prior to the workshop to develop and review the fuels and prescribed fire workloads as they relate to the Land Use and Phase I Fire Management Plans. FMO's will ensure that the field office leads for prevention, fire planning and fuels attend this workshop. It is recommended that the FMO's team also consist of a resource representative and management representative, each of whom can speak for the interests of the respective Field Office as RAMS is developed.

RAMS (Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies) is a software program which includes an assessment, a fuels model, and a prevention model. Common to all three is a list of compartments. Compartments are portions of the field office area which will be analyzed in RAMS. Each compartment must reside entirely within one Representative Location (RL) used for fire planning. RL's should be identical to compartments identified in the Field Office Phase I Fire Plan. Consequently Phase I compartments and compartments in RAMS should be identical.

For each compartment you will rate risks, hazards, and values, so bring any supporting documents which will help you make these ratings. You will also list resource management objectives for each compartment.

The results of the assessments will then be used to help you develop your fuels and prevention programs.

Please be sure to bring the following items with you to the meeting:

1. For fuels, bring a list of planned and/or proposed fuels projects, with planned acres and associated costs. Bring you FATE analysis. Think about alternative treatment strategies which might also work to meet the same management objectives.
2. For prevention, your existing PWA2 data can be imported into RAMS, provided the compartments coincide with phase 1 fire plan compartments. If you have previous PWA2 or any other prevention planning, please bring it. You will also need to bring your phase I fire planning and FMZ/RL maps.
3. In addition, each field office will need to bring a Pentium-class laptop computer, with at least 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended), and 50 MB available hard drive space. Each field office will need to download the PCHA and IIAA databases (PCHA0100.MDB and IIAA0000.MDB) into their laptops. The District/Regional FMO are your source for obtaining these databases.

If you have questions regarding fuels, contact Jim Francis, State Fuels Manager at 916-978-4433. All questions for prevention and fire planning may be directed to Art Porter at (530) 252-5326.

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